

instructions has met with your full approval
 gives me
 lively satisfaction. I trust that his health will
 permit him
 to continue in his endeavors to further enjoy
 your confidence as well as that of the American
 people. . . .

The punctual arrival of the U. S. Fleet in
 Magdalen Bay
 must be a matter of great satisfaction to you
 and the country. Admiral Evans has again proved his fine
 qualities
 as seaman and leader, and the officers and
 crews, not forgetting the engine room staff, have shown
 themselves well
 trained and up to the work. May I offer my
 sincerest congratulations on such a fine performance.

I see by your letter that the new Chinese
 Minister in
 Washington has not taken any steps yet
 referring to a
 "declaration of policy," in the question of
 Chinese integrity
 and the open door. I have just heard from
 my minister
 in China, that the Vice-President of the "Wai-
 wu-pu, Liong-
 tun-yen, will be sent in about 2 months time
 to the U. S.
 and to Germany in order to lay proposals
 before our gov-
 ernments. I sincerely hope and trust that we
 shall be able
 to come to an agreement about such a
 "statement of
 policy," which will assure the maintenance of
 integrity of
 China and the open door to the trade of all
 nations.

With the sincerest wishes for the further
 success of the
 United States, and for the welfare of your
 family, believe
 me, my dear President,

Ever your sincere friend,

WILU.AM, I. E.

*(Original sent in the President's
 handwriting)*

May 14,

1908.

My dear Emperor William:

Since writing you I have received, through
Sternburg,
your very courteous letter, and the handsome
volume on
Wartburg; I thank you for it, When
Sternburg presents
this I hope he will have the chance to tell you
in full how
things stand here.

I am particularly pleased at your
appreciation of our